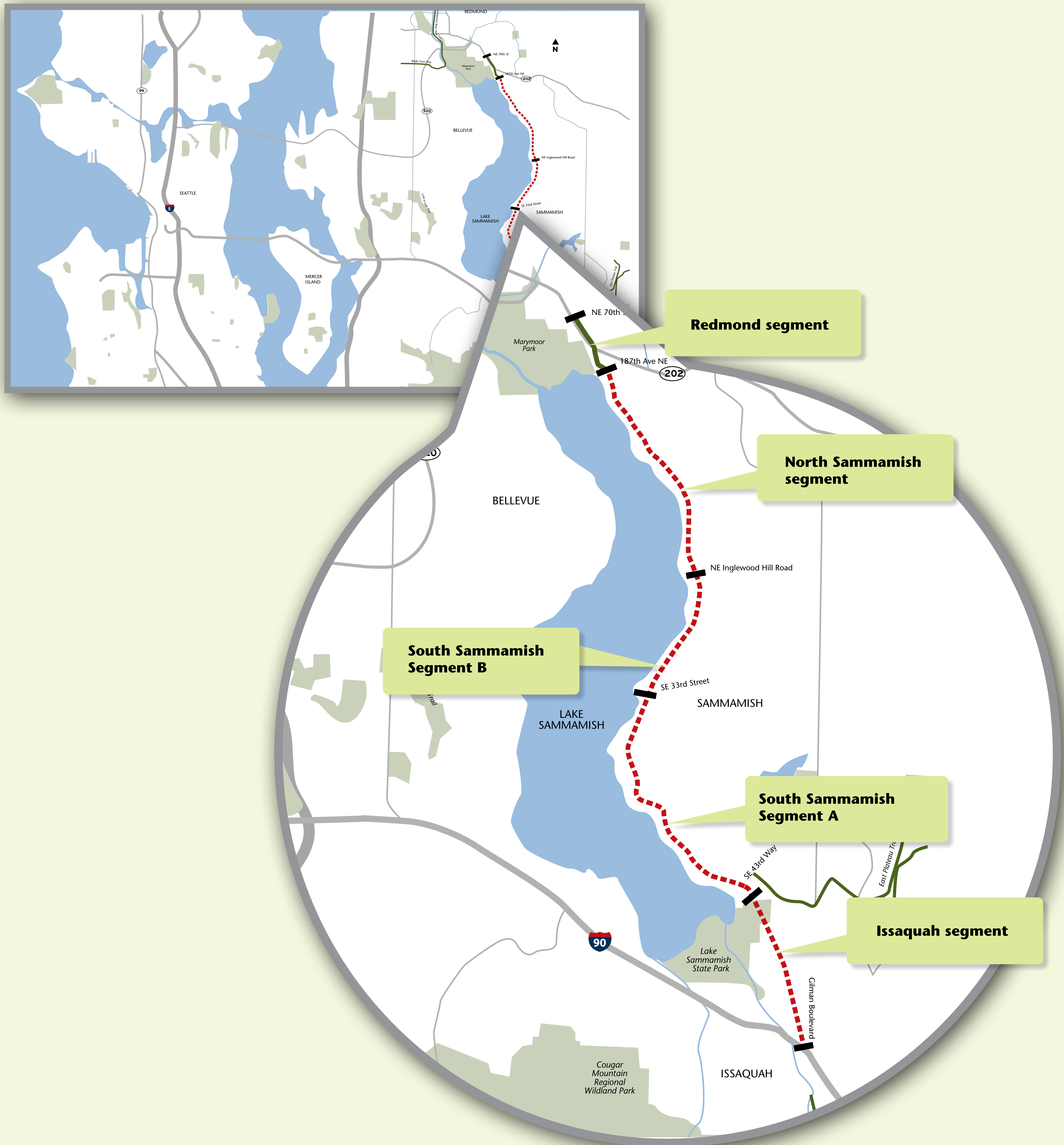


Welcome to the East Lake Sammamish Trail Project Open House

Where do you live or work?



East Lake Sammamish Trail Project Project Overview

North Sammamish segment closed for construction in 2014



Redmond segment - completed trail and parking lot at NE 70th St.



Future parking lot and restroom facilities



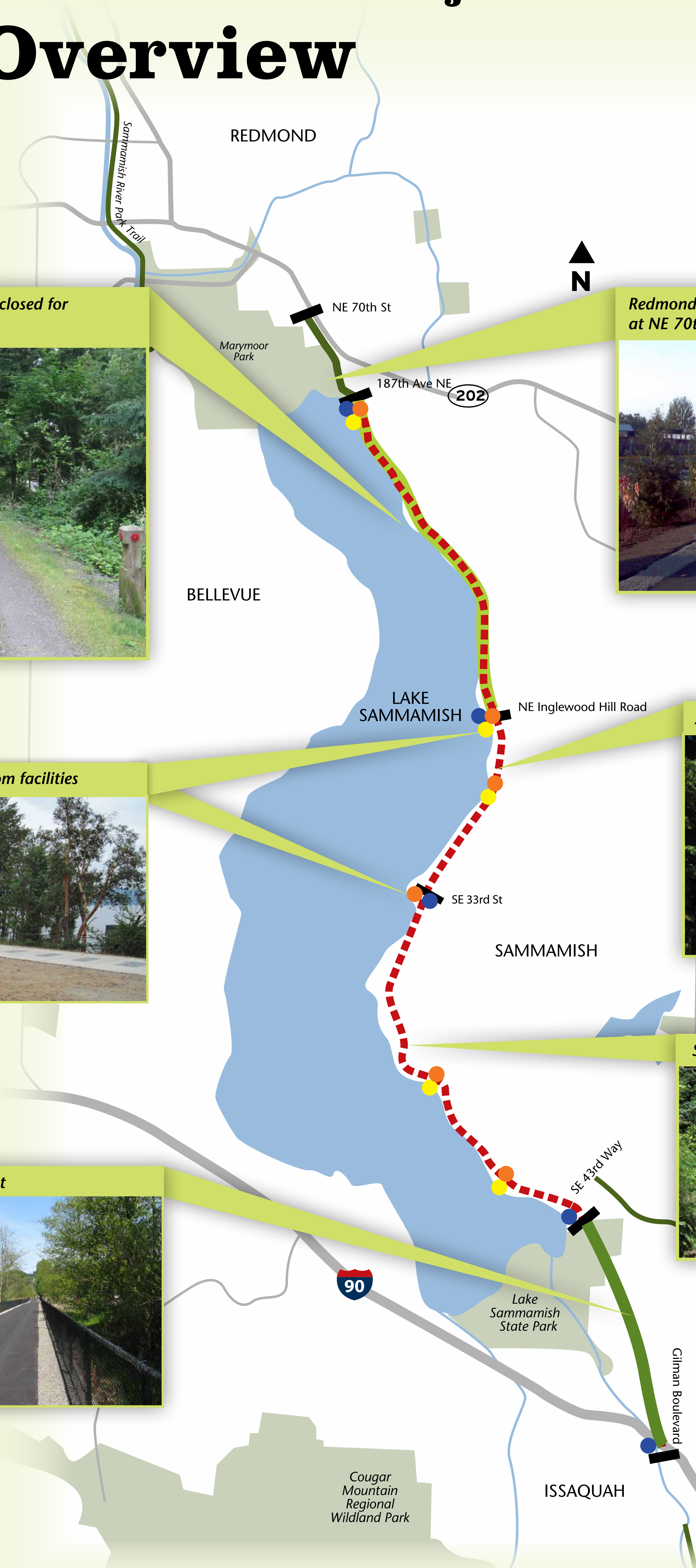
South Sammamish Segment B



South Sammamish Segment A



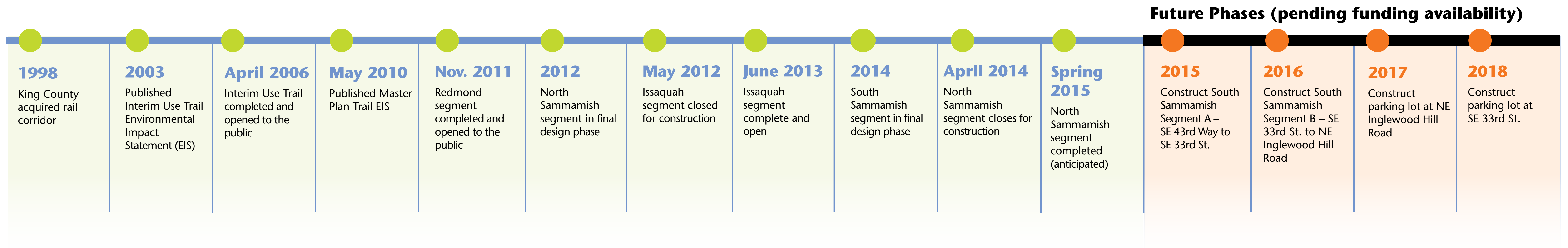
Completed Issaquah segment



- Interim-use trail
- Paved trail
- Restroom
- Parking
- Trail Access



East Lake Sammamish Trail Project Timeline



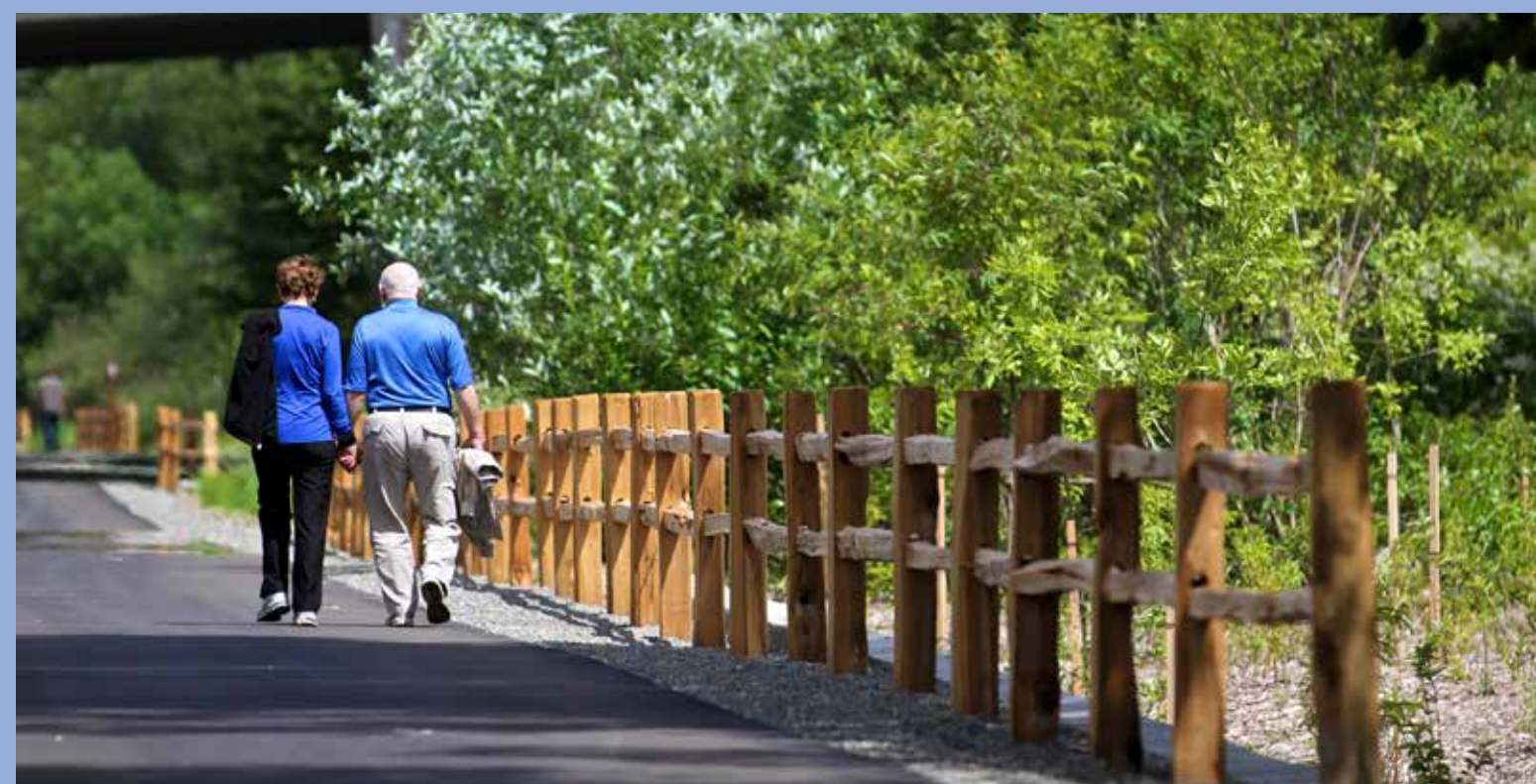
East Lake Sammamish Trail Project

Why is King County developing the East Lake Sammamish Trail?

The East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST) is currently an 11-mile “missing link” in a 44-mile-long regional trail corridor that will connect the Burke-Gilman Trail, the Sammamish River Trail, the Marymoor Connector Trail and the Issaquah-Preston Trail, linking Seattle to the Eastside and the Cascade foothills. The trail will provide greater access to recreation, employment, and retail in the cities of Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah and provide a non-motorized, multi-use path for bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers and skaters.



Sammamish River Trail.



Issaquah Trail Segment.



The existing gravel trail is narrow in many locations and does not meet regional trail standards for safety.



Improved trail in Issaquah.

What are the project benefits?

Safety and accessibility is a top priority for King County. Trail redevelopment includes a new 12-foot-wide paved corridor with two-foot soft surface shoulders on each side, enhanced intersections and improved sightlines, crossing treatments, consistent and appropriate signage, striping, bollards, warning bands, and drainage.

Environmental Improvements



The North Sammamish segment includes building four culverts to enhance fish passage and improving approximately one acre of wildlife habitat. Design of similar enhancements will be included in the South Sammamish segment.

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Why is King County developing the East Lake Sammamish Trail?

Paved trails provide greater access to people of all ages and abilities.

Plants and shrubs within the sight triangles at intersections will be less than 3 feet high at full maturity.

Patterned concrete intersections provide a visual and textural difference from the asphalt trail.

Concrete warning bands 75 feet on each side of the intersection warn trail users of approaching intersections.



1 foot clear zone on either side of the trail provides space for fencing, retaining walls and signs.

12 feet of pavement

Consistent signage, bollards, and striping along the corridor clearly identifies intersections.

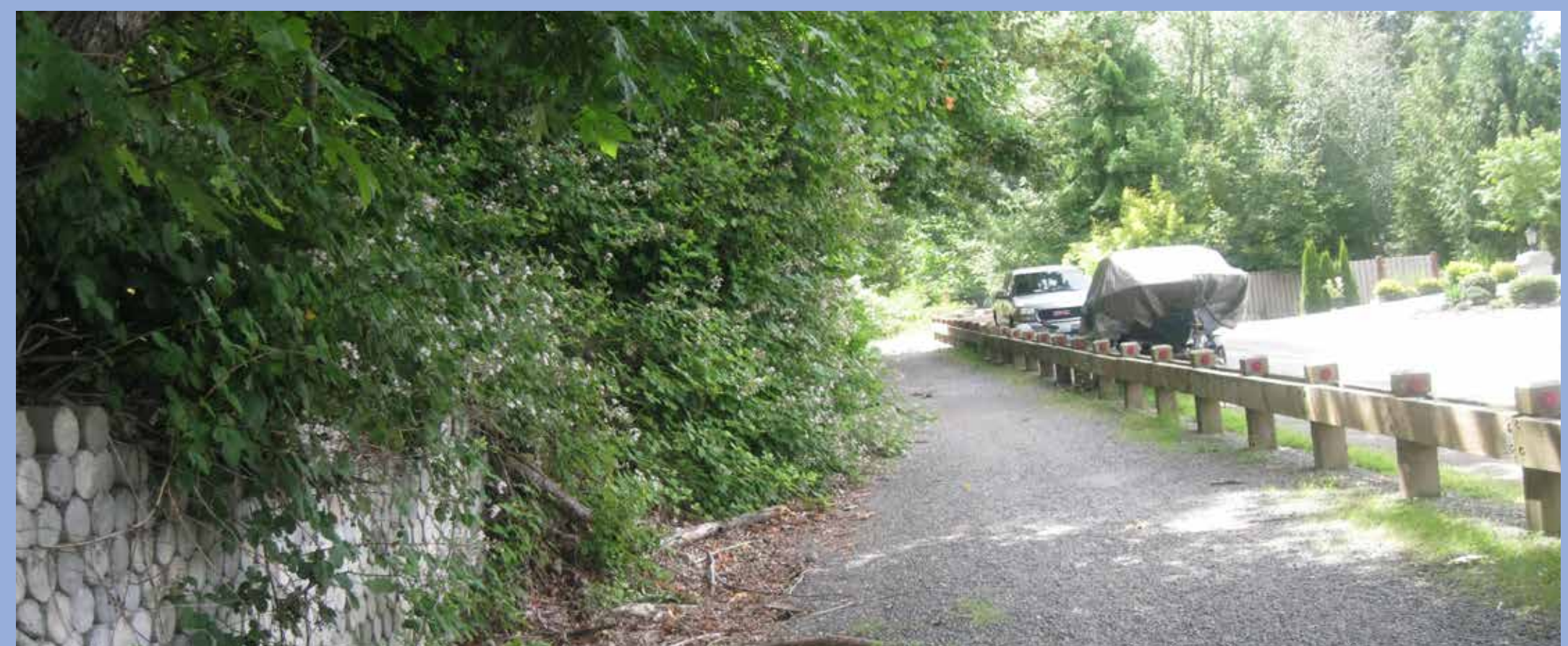
Two foot gravel shoulders on either side of the trail provide a soft surface for walkers and joggers.

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How is the trail alignment developed?

King County is designing the trail alignment based on the following considerations:

- Complying with local, state, and federal environmental regulations to avoid and minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas
- Meeting regional trail standards and national safety guidelines, as stated in American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets including maintaining clear sight distances
- Staying within King County right-of-way
- Building a safe trail through a narrow corridor, steep terrain and complicated intersections
- Minimizing costs where possible without impacting trail standards
- Minimizing impacts to adjacent homeowners
- Preserving significant trees



Steep slopes will be stabilized with retaining walls.



Retaining walls are installed to minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, or to reduce the size of the project footprint, minimizing impacts to adjacent properties.



Example of intersection in Issaquah before.



Example of intersection in Issaquah after.

Intersections designed to improve safety

The new trail includes enhanced intersections and crossing treatments that improve safety by:

- Providing clear sight lines for trail users, motorists and pedestrians crossing the trail
- Highlighting the visual and textural difference between concrete intersections and the asphalt trail
- Warning trail users of approaching intersections, by constructing a textured, concrete warning band 75 feet before each intersection
- Identifying intersections clearly through consistent signage, striping, and bollards along the trail

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Landscaping the trail corridor

The ELST project includes new plantings to restore the project area and achieve the following objectives:

- **Open sight lines** at road and trail crossings to improve safety. Areas near intersections will be restored with low growing plants that reach three feet high at full maturity.
- **Permanent erosion control** The most immediate function of trail landscaping is to restore open ground areas with landscape mulch and plantings or seeding to prevent erosion.
- **Native plants** Native shrubs, trees, and groundcover plants offer many benefits. They are well adapted to thrive in local conditions of drought or excess moisture. Native plants require less maintenance, blend well with the natural surroundings and provide habitat for wildlife.

How will the project impact existing landscaping?

King County will make every effort to preserve existing landscaping. However, the paved trail will be 8 to 10 feet wider than the existing trail and requires clearing beyond the edge of the trail. Construction of the trail requires building retaining walls, environmental features and drainage improvements.



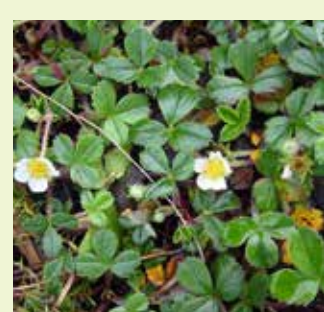
Trail landscaping in Redmond and Issaquah. Trees are planted at least 10 feet away from the trail to promote healthy growth and prevent roots from damaging the new asphalt trail.

Native low shrubs and groundcover plant examples

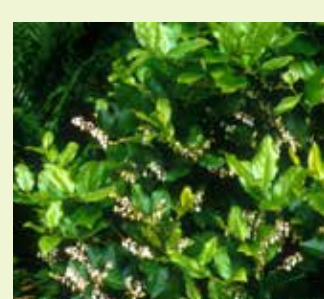
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Sword Fern



Sand Strawberry



Salal



Creeping Mahonia

Native large shrub examples

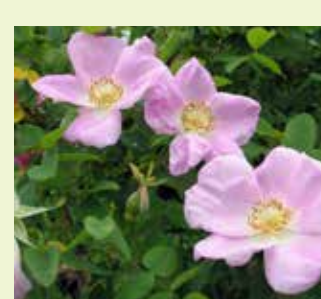
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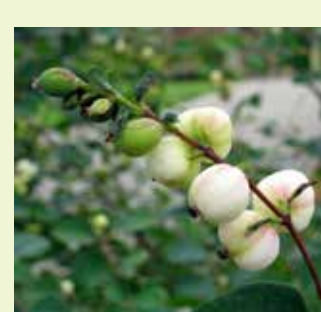
Red-twig Dogwood



Indian Plum



Nootka Rose



Snowberry

Native small tree examples

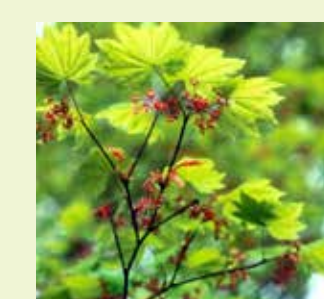
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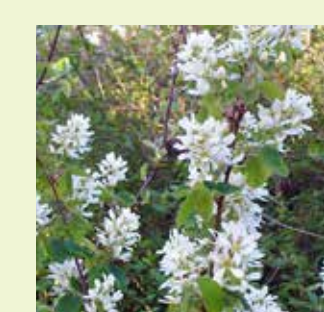
Bitter Cherry



Pacific Dogwood



Vine Maple





Western Serviceberry

East Lake Sammamish Trail Project Community Outreach

We want to hear from you!

Thank you for attending tonight's open house. Public involvement is an important part of the East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail project. King County appreciates your time and effort in providing comments on the trail design and construction. Please look for additional information and public involvement opportunities as design and construction of this important facility proceeds. King County offers many ways to stay connected:

- Share your comments 24/7 by calling the hotline: 1-888-668-4886 or e-mail ELST@kingcounty.gov. King County will respond within one business day.
- Contact us to schedule a meeting. We are available to discuss the trail design, construction activities, listen to your comments and answer your questions.
- Visit the website: www.kingcounty.gov/eastlakesammamishtrail for construction updates, project information, and trail design plans.
- Subscribe to our email alert and mailing list to receive project newsletters and stay informed of current design and construction activities.
- Follow our blog: kingcountyparks.wordpress.com
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King County met with approximately 50 residents in North Sammamish to explain design details and answer questions.



King County hosted multiple open houses and public hearings during the environmental review phase.

Thank you for your support!

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What's next?

Construction in North Sammamish

The North Sammamish segment of the ELST, from 187th Ave. NE to NE Inglewood Hill Road will close April 1 for construction. The project is expected to take approximately one year to complete. This trail segment includes:

- 27 retaining walls
- 4 fish passable culverts
- 21 intersections
- 2.5 miles of asphalt

Much of the construction must be done during warmer, dry weather conditions. Therefore, in an effort to expedite construction, King County is offering an incentive to the contractor to complete the project ahead of schedule. Crews may perform multiple construction activities at the same time.

What to expect during construction?

- Increased activity with construction crews, trucks, and equipment traffic along the trail corridor
- Access to private properties will be maintained. King County will notify property owners when working near driveways
- The contractor will provide flaggers to ensure trail neighbors can safely cross the trail to access homes, recreational properties, and businesses
- Landscaping, fences, and other items within the King County right-of-way that conflict with trail construction will be removed by the contractor
- Increased noise from equipment and backup alarms may be noticeable
- Contractor work hours (per city ordinance): Weekdays, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; No work on Sundays.
- Temporary construction fencing will be installed along the trail corridor to clearly identify the corridor as a construction zone



Placing asphalt on Issaquah trail segment.



Constructing retaining wall on Redmond trail segment.

Questions during construction?

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